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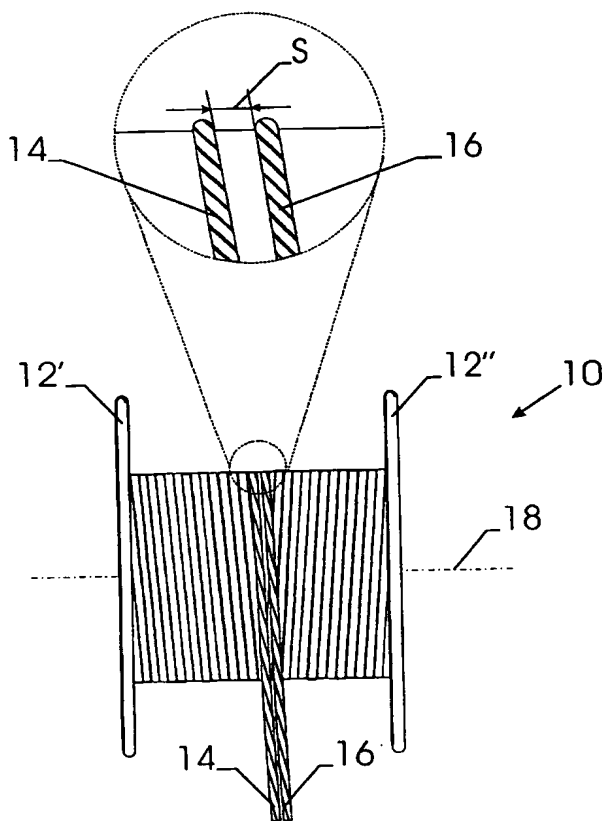
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(54) Title: **SPOOL FILLED WITH MULTIPLE ELONGATED ELEMENTS WOUND CLOSELY TOGETHER**



(57) **Abstract:** A spool (10) filled with two or more elongated elements (14, 16) such as steel cords wound in parallel and in several windings upon the spool is provided. The distance *s* between two neighboring elongated elements, as measured along a line parallel to the axis (18) of the spool (10), is not more than 10 mm along 90 % of the length of each elongated element. The advantage is that unwinding problems such as sags and downstream processability problems are avoided.

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